

CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER SECURITY LIGHTING

Exterior lighting is extremely important in residential and commercial security. Each exterior doorway should be lighted to prevent vandalism and a burglar from concealing their activities. Yard and windows should be lighted to prevent concealment.

Floodlights can be used to accommodate most outdoor security lighting needs, including the illumination of boundaries, fences, buildings, and for emphasis on vital areas of particular buildings. The floodlight is versatile because it is designed to form a beam that can be projected to a distant point or used to highlight a particular area. The beam widths available in floodlights are roughly classified as narrow, medium, and wide. These widths may also be obtained in a variety of sizes and types. Various types of lighting such as non- glare, golden- glow, and incandescent lamps are available to suit your lighting needs, and many with unbreakable fixtures and covers.

Spotlights and entrance lights can be equipped with sensors which will turn the light on at dusk and off at dawn. Your local electric utility company can provide information on dusk to dawn lighting systems for parking lots, industrial plants, commercial establishments, driveways, storage areas and where directional lighting is required.

Ornamental porch and yard post lamp are a means of eliminating night blind spots.

To give the appearance that you are at home, use an electric timer to turn lamps on in the evening and off at your normal bed time. Timers can be used to turn on radios as well as lamps. Use at least one timer on each floor of the house.